

# DENTAL IMPLANTS



A dental implant replaces the root of a missing tooth and naturally forms a bond with the bone of the jaw. A dental crown is attached to the implant, providing a comfortable, long-lasting solution that looks, feels and functions like a natural tooth.

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*for the sake of smiles*

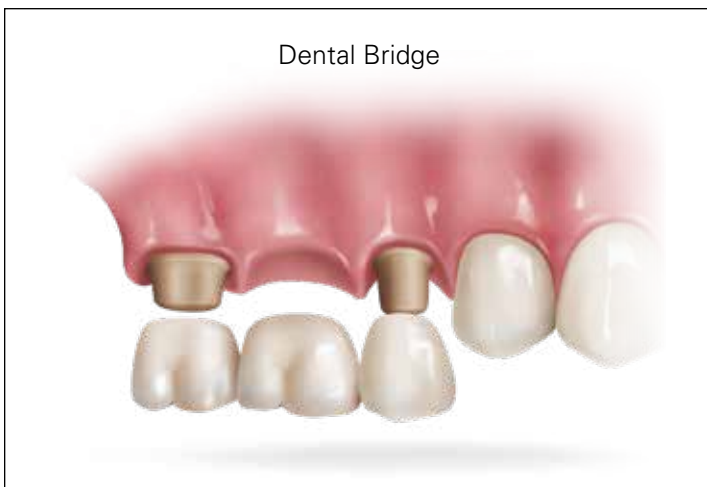
# WHY CHOOSE DENTAL IMPLANTS

For patients who are missing one or more teeth, there are several treatment options available. But for most patients, dental implants are the ideal long-term solution, with benefits including:

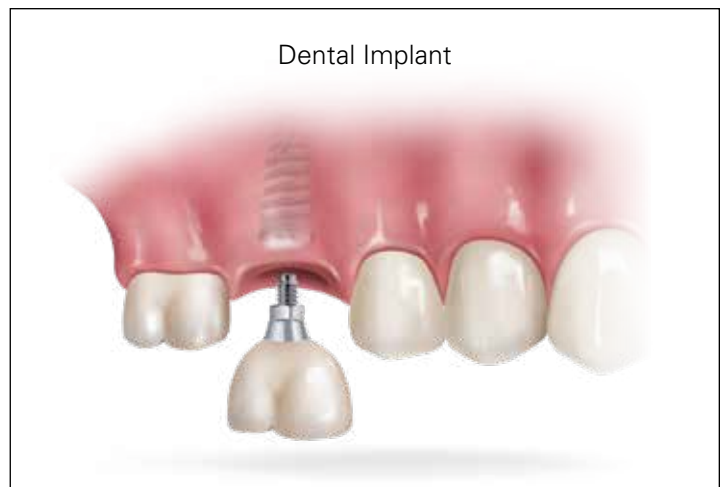
- The look and feel of natural teeth along with increased chewing ability
- No alterations of the adjacent teeth are required
- With proper care, implants can last a lifetime

## Dental Implants Are the Closest Thing to Natural Teeth

Dental implants replace the root of the natural tooth and help preserve the bone of the jaw as well as the surrounding teeth. Implants help restore confidence and your ability to eat food, whether you're missing a single tooth or seeking a stable alternative to dentures.



*When a missing tooth is replaced with a dental bridge, the teeth adjacent to the missing tooth are prepared to support three connected crowns.*

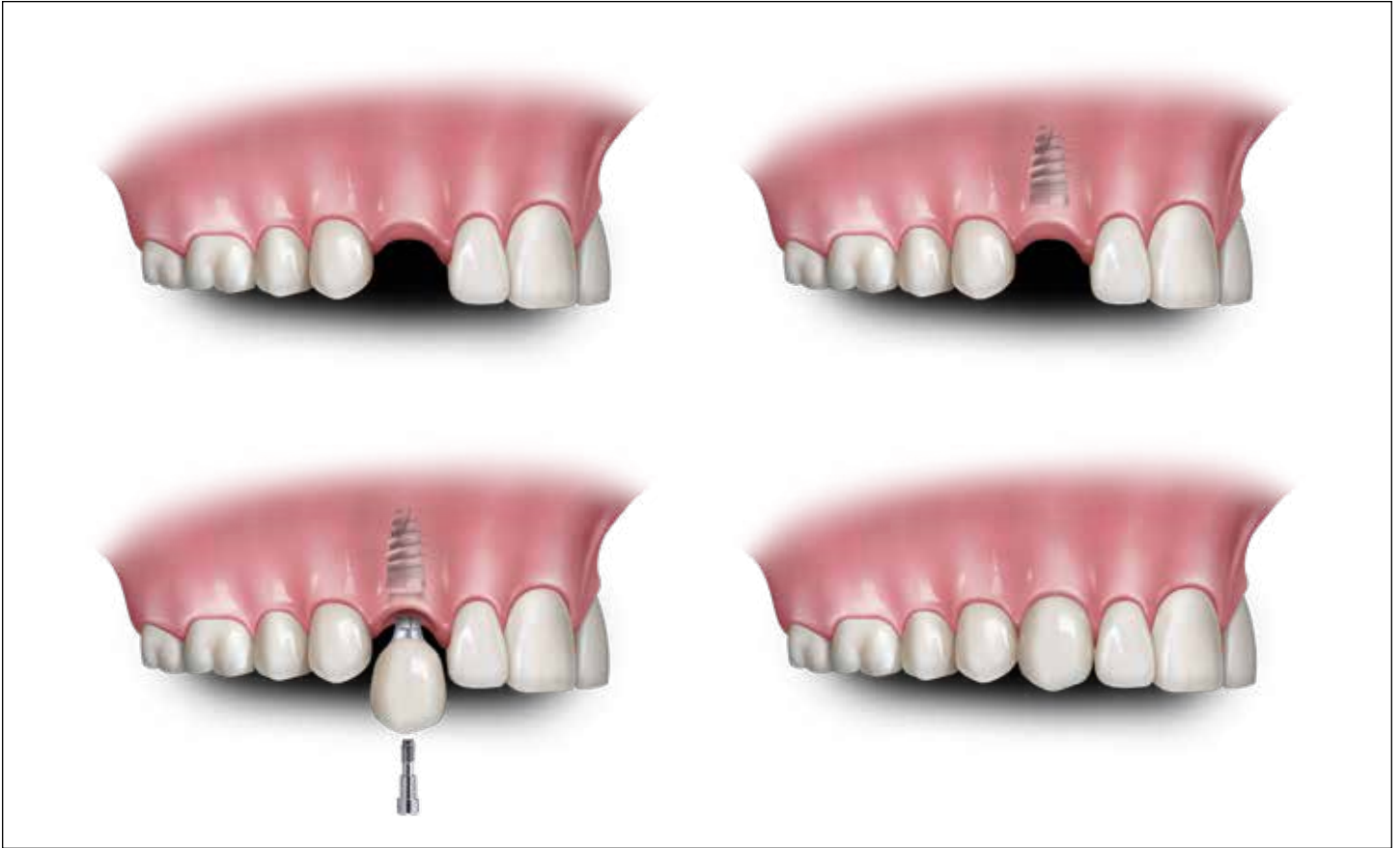


*A dental implant is placed directly into the bone. A crown is attached to the implant, leaving the adjacent teeth intact while preserving the bone of the jaw.*

# HOW DENTAL IMPLANTS WORK

Dental implants are placed in the jaw through a simple, pain-free procedure performed by your dentist or an oral surgeon. The result is a lifelike tooth replacement that is virtually indistinguishable from natural teeth.

## The Procedure



*A dental implant replaces the root of the tooth and integrates into the jawbone. After healing, a dental crown is attached to the implant, providing a comfortable, long-lasting solution that is the closest thing to a natural tooth.*

# BENEFITS OF DENTAL IMPLANTS

- Provide a superior appearance that looks and feels like a natural tooth
- Improve chewing ability, promoting a healthier diet
- Enhance self-esteem, comfort and confidence

## CONSIDERATIONS

While dental implant treatment provides excellent long-term results for patients requiring tooth replacement, patients with certain medical or financial circumstances may be better suited with other forms of treatment.

- While requiring a greater investment than some other tooth replacement options, dental implants represent a better long-term investment. Financing is often available for those who need assistance
- Certain medical conditions, such as diabetes, thyroid disorders, osteoporosis, cancer and pregnancy, can impact the success of implant treatment and require careful evaluation by your dentist

***Consult with your dentist to learn more.***





Omar went to his dentist because he was tired of the removable teeth he'd been wearing. Implants were placed, and after four months of healing, dental crowns were attached, making him so much happier and allowing him to no longer worry about misplacing his removable teeth.



The patient had been missing his lower molar for some time and agreed to receive implant treatment. His dentist placed a dental implant, and after four months of healing, a titanium abutment and crown were connected to the implant.



*After learning from his dentist that his natural teeth could not be saved, this patient chose to have implants placed to support high-strength artificial teeth that remain in place. Full-mouth dental restorations were attached to the implants after four months of healing, providing an appearance and ability to chew virtually identical to healthy natural teeth.*



*This patient was unhappy with her discolored, worn-down denture and wanted a solution that could not be removed. Her dentist placed implants around her jaw to support a permanent restoration, which looks and feels like real teeth and has whitened and brightened her smile.*

# WHAT OTHER PATIENTS HAVE TO SAY



I used to be so insecure about my smile. I finally decided to get implants, and I'm glad to have something that will last me a lifetime and looks just like real teeth. I don't worry about smiling for the camera anymore.

– Omar, Implant Patient



I am now the proud owner of a new beautiful smile which makes me feel confident and younger, and I can bite into just about everything I need to. Very happy I had the procedure done.

– Joann, Implant Overdenture Patient

## COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT IMPLANTS

### **How do implants work, exactly?**

Dental implants replace your missing tooth with a titanium screw that integrates with the bone of your jaw like a natural tooth root. Once the implant site heals, a dental crown is connected to the implant, fully restoring the form and function of a natural tooth.

### **Is it painful to have an implant placed?**

With local anesthetics and the latest dental techniques, the surgical procedure is relatively painless. And in many cases, an aspirin or ibuprofen is all that's needed after surgery.

### **Are implants expensive?**

While implants are more expensive than receiving a traditional crown, they typically last a lifetime, are the closest thing to a natural tooth, and prevent bone loss and other dental problems, making them the most cost-effective solution over the long term.

***Have more questions or ready to get started? Ask your dentist!***



